

100 - Office of Attorney General

A001 Administrative Activity

The administrative function of the Office of the Attorney General includes the Attorney General's core leadership team, administrative support, financial services, human resources, IT services, and facilities staff. Trained administrative employees support and assist the efforts of the Assistant Attorneys General who provide legal counsel to Washington's nearly two hundred state boards, commissions, and agencies. Part of the administrative function of the Attorney General's Office is the issuance of Attorney General Opinions, which answer questions from authorized persons, and seek to clarify the interpretation of statutes and regulations whose meaning is in doubt. The core leadership team is responsible for the management of more than one thousand employees across thirteen offices throughout the state.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	79.0	79.0	79.0
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$733,000	\$353,000	\$1,086,000
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$8,650,000	\$9,130,000	\$17,780,000

Statewide Result Area: Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

Statewide Strategy: Provide data, information, and analysis to support decision-making

Expected Results

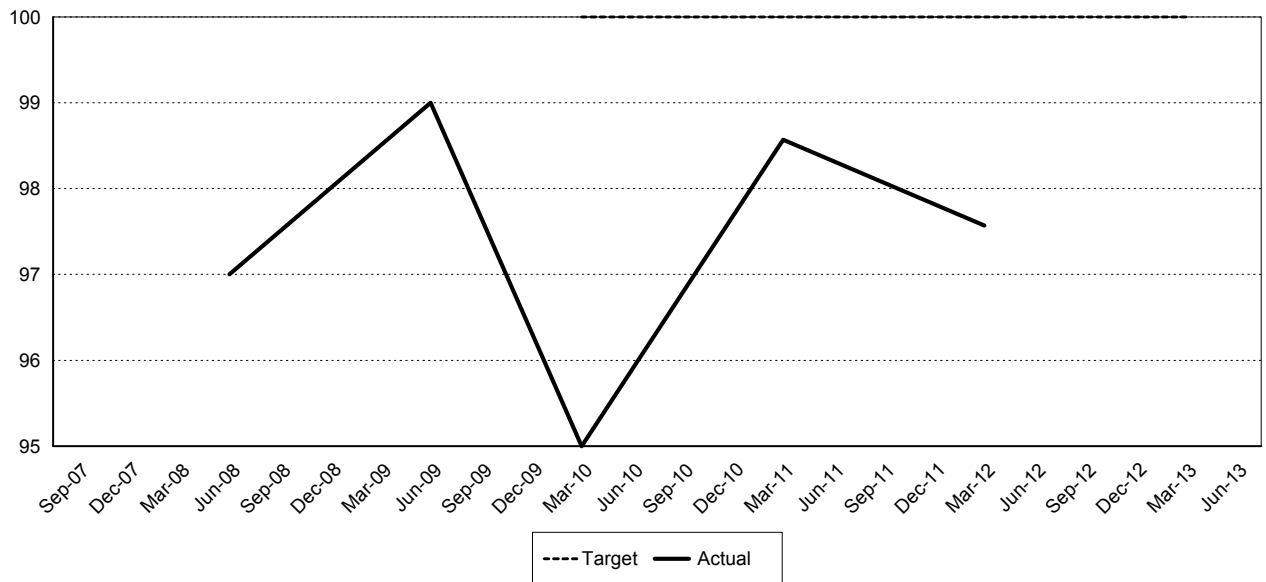
Provide continued high quality leadership and support for the agency and its employees as they deliver efficient and effective legal services to state agency clients. Provide sound legal opinions to state agencies when the meaning of a statute is in doubt.

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000001 PM0001/ADM - Percentage of Mandatory Training Completed.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	Q8		
	Q7		100%
	Q6		
	Q5		
	Q4		
	Q3	97.57%	100%
	Q2		
	Q1		
2009-11	Q8		
	Q7	98.57%	100%
	Q6		
	Q5		
	Q4		
	Q3	95%	100%
	Q2		
	Q1		

Percent

000001 - Percentage of Mandatory Training Completed



A002 Civil Commitment of Sexually Violent Predators

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The Sexually Violent Predator Unit (SVPU) protects the public by ensuring that the most dangerous and violent sexual predators in the state are detained, evaluated, and treated until they no longer fit the criteria. When a sexually violent offender who appears to meet the criteria of a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) is about to be released, the SVPU acts as the prosecuting agency in the determination of whether the offender is a Sexually Violent Predator who needs to be civilly committed. Once an offender is committed, the SVPU oversees the extensive post-commitment responsibilities to ensure that a Sexually Violent Predator is not released before being rehabilitated. These responsibilities include appeals, annual reviews, less restrictive alternative placements, and re-commitment hearings and trials.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	20.4	20.4	20.4
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$5,864,000	\$5,514,000	\$11,378,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

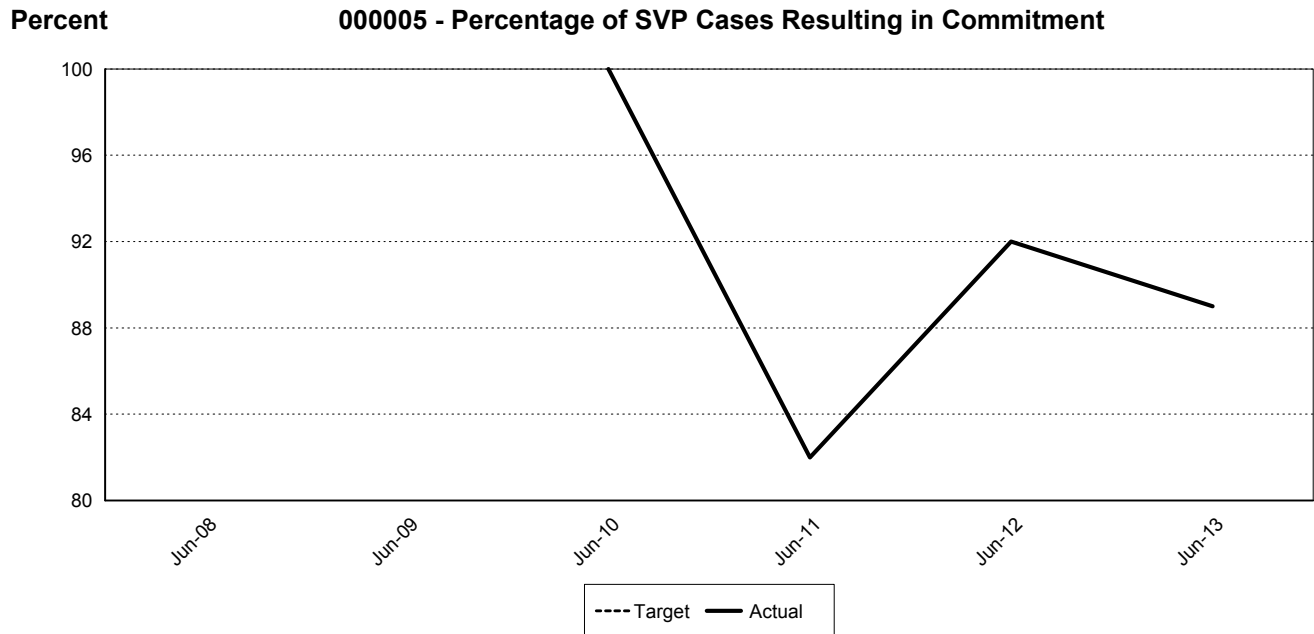
Statewide Strategy: Confine and rehabilitate offenders

Expected Results

The most dangerous and violent sexual predators in the state are detained, evaluated, and treated until they no longer constitute a threat. Consequently, fewer people are victimized, and the public is protected from those sex offenders who are most likely to reoffend.

000005 PM0002/SVP - Percentage of SVP Cases Resulting in Commitment.			
The higher the commitment rate, the more successful the SVP unit is in civilly committing dangerous sexual predators and thereby protecting the public from these offenders.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	89%	
	A2	92%	
2009-11	A3	82%	
	A2	100%	95%

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A003 Criminal Investigation and Prosecution

The Criminal Litigation Unit (CLU) investigates and prosecutes all levels of criminal cases when requested by the Governor or county prosecuting attorneys. The types of cases commonly handled by the CLU include homicide, sexual assault, multi-jurisdictional crime, white-collar crime, governmental corruption cases, environmental crimes, tax fraud cases on behalf of the Department of Revenue, licensing fraud on behalf of the department of Licensing, insurance fraud on behalf of the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and, on behalf of the Department of Labor and Industries, fraudulent workers' compensation claims and wage and hour violations. The CLU assists local prosecutors when they are conflicted out of cases or need additional resources for major prosecutions. The CLU also occasionally assumes responsibility for the appellate review of a criminal case originally brought by a county prosecutor if the case involves fundamental issues affecting the public interest and the administration of justice.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	4.5	4.5	4.5
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$488,000	\$506,000	\$994,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law

Expected Results

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Where the county prosecutor has a conflict of interest or needs assistance due to a lack of experience or other reasons, there is a competent, highly-skilled prosecutor to represent the state, resulting in greater public protection. Crimes of fraud involving state agencies are properly investigated and prosecuted so that state agencies and other victims can recover their losses, and similar criminal activity against state agencies can be curtailed and deterred. The Criminal Litigation Unit reviews important appeals and provides additional legal assistance when requested. The CLU also reviews and approves (or defends against) claims filed by persons claiming to have been wrongfully convicted and imprisoned.

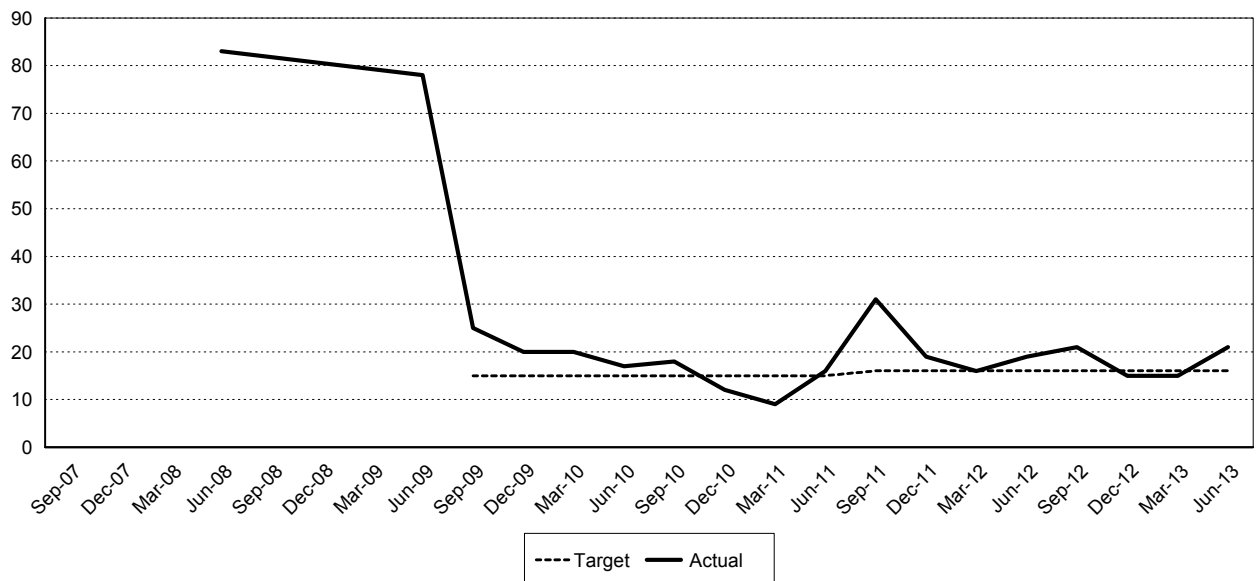
000008 PM0003/CRI - This is a count of the number of requests for assistance and referrals to the unit from outside the AGO.

The primary function of our unit is to provide trial and consulting assistance to local prosecutors.

Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	Q8	21	16
	Q7	15	16
	Q6	15	16
	Q5	21	16
	Q4	19	16
	Q3	16	16
	Q2	19	16
	Q1	31	16
2009-11	Q8	16	15
	Q7	9	15
	Q6	12	15
	Q5	18	15
	Q4	17	15
	Q3	20	15
	Q2	20	15
	Q1	25	15

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Number 000008 - Number of Referrals/Requests Received for AGO Criminal Litigation Assistance



A004 Enforcement of Anti-Trust Laws

The Antitrust Division protects the residents of Washington state from price-fixing, illegal mergers, monopolization, and other illegal, anticompetitive activities. The Antitrust Division holds entities accountable that break the law and engage in unfair competition. The division ensures that consumers benefit from a competitive marketplace. By enforcing our antitrust laws, the division also ensures that businesses compete fairly with each other. The division files enforcement actions, responds to consumer complaints, provides advice to state agencies, and provides consumer education and outreach. Through these efforts, the Antitrust Division ensures that consumers' problems are addressed, money overpaid due to illegal activity is recovered, illegal activity is prevented, and businesses are educated about their responsibilities under the antitrust laws.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	8.0	8.0	8.0
424 Anti-Trust Revolving Account			
424-6 Non-Appropriated	\$538,000	\$1,550,000	\$2,088,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Statewide Strategy: Regulate the economy to ensure fairness, security and efficiency

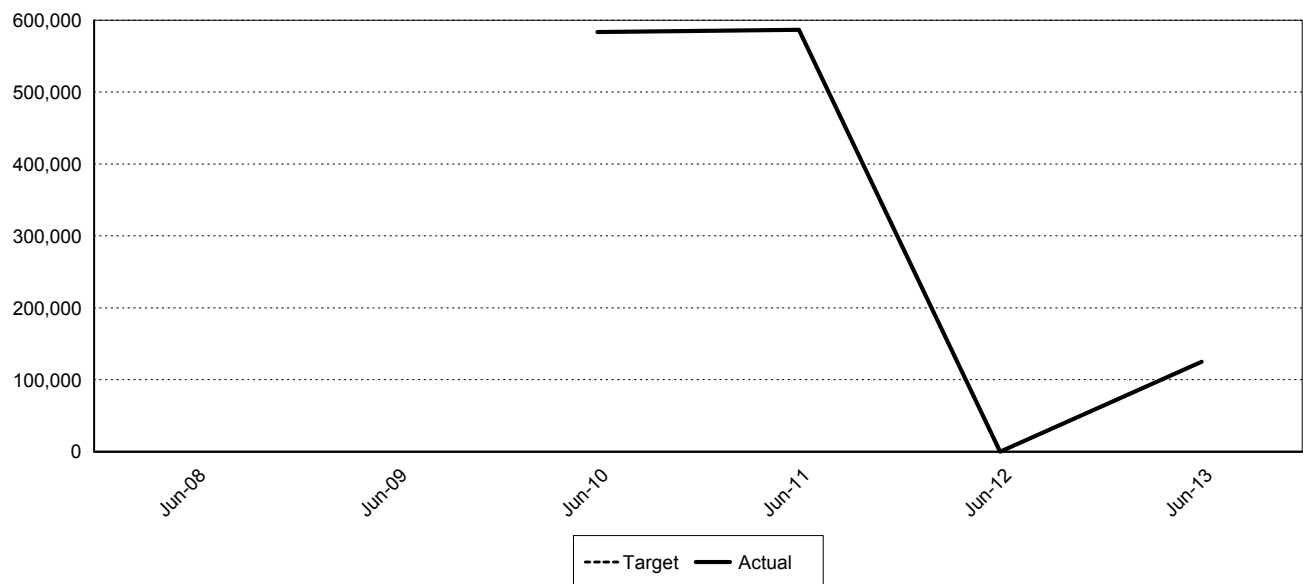
Expected Results

The Antitrust Division enforces our antitrust laws, protects consumers from illegal and harmful practices, and ensures a fair, efficient, and competitive marketplace for businesses. The division's enforcement actions prevent monopolies, price-fixing, and illegal mergers, and recover money for injured consumers and state agencies. Through outreach efforts, the division educates businesses in order to prevent these antitrust violations and protect Washington consumers.

000011 PM0004/ANT - Recoveries. We capture the efforts of AGO Antitrust staff who work to stop anticompetitive behavior and promote compliance with Antitrust laws. The measurement tells us the degree to which we recover monetary restitution for our consumers.

Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	\$125,000	
	A2	\$0	
2009-11	A3	\$586,628	
	A2	\$583,385	

Dollars **000011 - Recoveries Gained in Performing Anti Trust Work**



A005 Consumer Protection

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The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division protects Washington consumers from deception, scams, and abusive practices, providing a fair marketplace through vigorous civil law enforcement of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA) and education and outreach to consumers. The Consumer Protection Division's Consumer Resource Center fields calls and complaints from consumers around the state, informally resolving complaints and recovering millions of dollars for consumers. Consumer Protection attorneys promote compliance with the CPA by obtaining injunctions and monetary judgments against violators, including direct consumer restitution. As a result of the 2012 National Mortgage Settlement, the Consumer Protection Division recovered nearly \$25 million in direct benefits for Washington homeowners and \$5 million for the state general fund; the Division also distributed over \$43 million in grants to help homeowners in foreclosure and other projections. The Consumer Protection Division's Foreclosure Compliance Program enforces the Foreclosure Fairness Act to help homeowners. The Consumer Protection Division also houses the Lemon Law Administration, which promotes timely and effective new motor vehicle warranty service through mandatory arbitration, and the Manufactured House Dispute Resolution Unit, which fosters compliance with the Manufactured Housing Landlord Tenant Act.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	64.5	64.5	64.5
17L Foreclosure Fairness Account			
17L-6 Non-Appropriated	\$333,000	\$333,000	\$666,000
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$2,456,000	\$2,466,000	\$4,922,000
12F Manufactured/Mobile Home Dispute Resolution Program Account			
12F-6 Non-Appropriated	\$442,000	\$427,000	\$869,000
154 New Motor Vehicle Arbitration Account			
154-1 State	\$500,000	\$497,000	\$997,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Statewide Strategy: Provide consumer protection

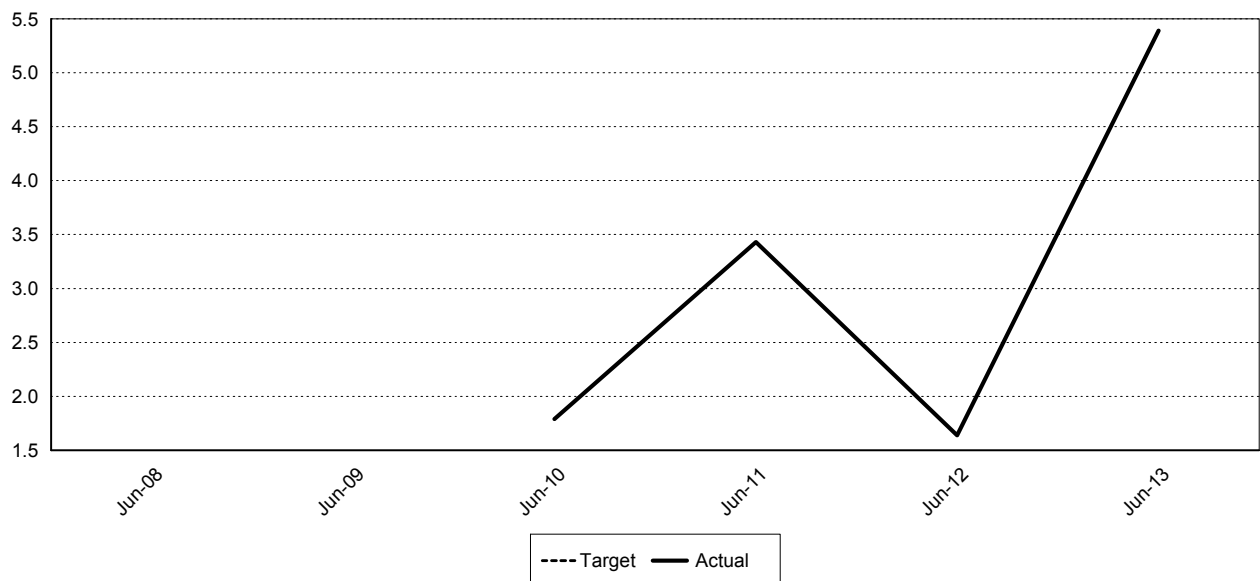
Expected Results

The division's activities are expected to foster a fair, competitive and non-deceptive market place, prevent consumer harm, promote voluntary compliance with economic regulation by business, and resolve disputes between buyers and sellers in the marketplace. The division is also expected to recover a portion of the costs of its operation through its litigation activity. Finally, the Division is expected to promote timely and effective new motor vehicle warranty service through mandatory arbitration and foster compliance with the Manufactured Housing Landlord Tenant Act.

000014 PM0005/CPR- Recoveries. Consumer Protection mission is to provide a fair and non-deceptive marketplace through vigorous civil law enforcement. We promote general deterrence and compliance with the CPA by obtaining and collecting monetary judgments.

Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	\$5.39	
	A2	\$1.64	
2009-11	A3	\$3.43	
	A2	\$1.79	

Dollars 000014 - Amount of Dollars Recovered for Every Dollar Spent by the AGO on Consumer Protection Work



A006 Executive Ethics Board

The Executive Ethics Board (EEB) is an independent board with five members appointed by the Governor. The EEB promotes integrity, confidence, and public trust in state government through education, interpretation, and enforcement of the Ethics in Public Service Act (the Act). The Office of the Attorney General provides staff for the Board. Board members meet on a regular basis to interpret the Act for all state agencies, provide advice to agencies regarding ethical issues, promulgate rules to implement the Act, and take enforcement action against state employees who violate the Act. The Board staff investigates complaints filed by public employees and citizens, provides ethics training to all state agencies, and provides advice regarding ethics in the workplace to ensure that state officers and employees perform their public responsibilities with the highest ethical standards and conduct the business of the state to advance the public's interest and not use their position for personal gain or private advantage.

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Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	4.2	4.2	4.2
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$401,000	\$404,000	\$805,000

Statewide Result Area: Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

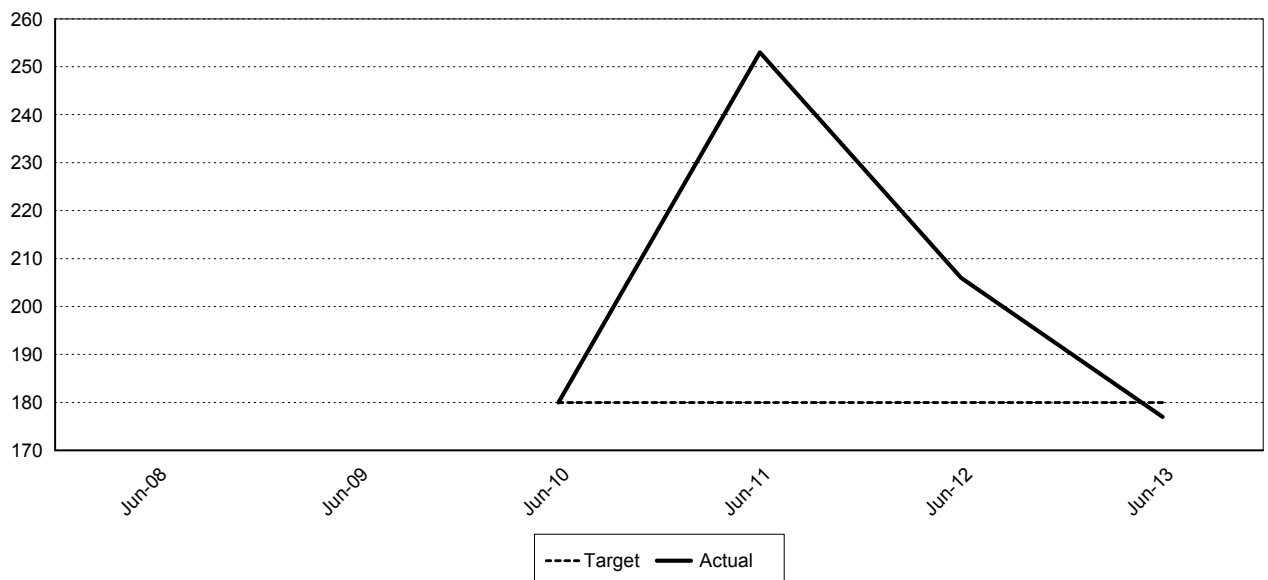
Statewide Strategy: Support democratic processes and government accountability

Expected Results

The Executive Ethics Board investigates complaints filed by public employees and citizens regarding violations of the Ethics in Public Service Act and prosecutes cases to completion. By completing investigations within a reasonable timeline and resolving its cases in a timely manner, stage agencies, state employees, and the public is better served and public trust and confidence in government will increase.

000018 PM0006/ETH - Average Number of Days to Complete an Ethics Investigation. By completing investigations within a reasonable period of time, the public will be better served and public trust and confidence in government will increase.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	177	180
	A2	206	180
2009-11	A3	253	180
	A2	180	180

Number **000018 - Average Number of Days to Complete an Ethics Investigation**



A007 Homicide Investigation Tracking System

The Homicide Investigation Tracking System (HITS) investigators and its data warehouse provide resources to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by giving them access to violent crime data and analyses across jurisdictions. The HITS Unit provides law enforcement analysis of crime data related to murder, rape, and other serious offenses. The usefulness of the HITS system is directly affected by the quality and quantity of crime data entered into the system, and the HITS investigators work closely with law enforcement to ensure all information is correctly captured. The HITS Unit provides direct investigative assistance, including case reviews and search results, to law enforcement upon request. As a result, violent offenders are identified and apprehended, improving public safety and preventing crime.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	4.7	4.7	4.7
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$653,000	\$662,000	\$1,315,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property

Statewide Strategy: Enforce the law

Expected Results

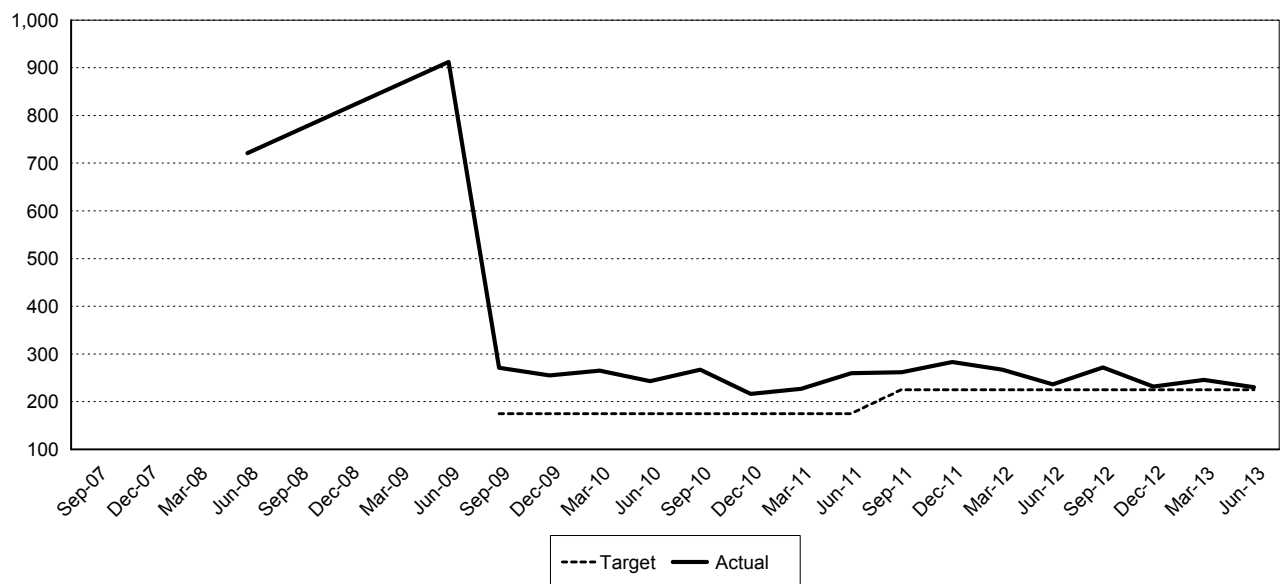
The HITS system and investigators provide assistance to law enforcement giving them much greater access to information, advice, and assistance that supports better and faster investigation of violent crimes. As a result, the suspects are pursued in a more timely manner, leading to better public protections.

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000021 PM0007/HITS - Access Requests. Our HITS team fields requests for information from our HITS database. We support Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) in the State of Washington upon request only and their access to the HITS database.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	Q8	230	225
	Q7	246	225
	Q6	232	225
	Q5	272	225
	Q4	236	225
	Q3	267	225
	Q2	283	225
	Q1	262	225
2009-11	Q8	260	175
	Q7	227	175
	Q6	216	175
	Q5	267	175
	Q4	243	175
	Q3	265	175
	Q2	255	175
	Q1	271	175

Number

000021 - Number of Requests for HITS Database Access



A008 Investigation and Defense of Tort Lawsuits

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The Torts Division protects taxpayers by vigorously defending tort claims and lawsuits against the state, state agencies, boards, and commissions, and officers and employees acting within the scope of their employment. The Torts Division consists of experienced litigators and trained legal professionals who provide high quality and efficient legal services to the state. The Torts Division promotes government efficiency by employing concerted efforts to resolve claims and lawsuits at the earliest possible stages through the early resolution program, motions practice, direct negotiation and mediated settlement. The division maintains a high rate of litigation success, with many lawsuits dismissed with zero payout, as well as a high rate of appellate success.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$149,000	\$149,000	\$298,000

Statewide Result Area: Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

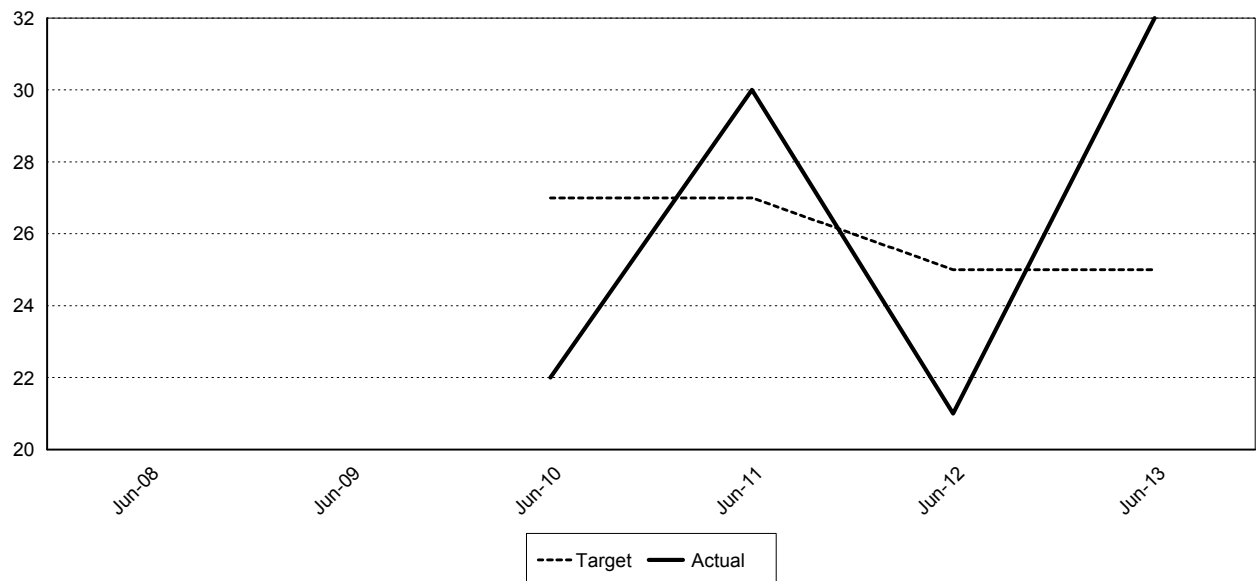
Statewide Strategy: Provide data, information, and analysis to support decision-making

Expected Results

The Torts Division protects taxpayers by providing high quality and effective legal defense to the state in tort claims and lawsuits. The division improves government efficiency by measuring the speed with which lawsuits resolve, and measuring success in resolving cases through early resolution. The Torts Division also tracks “zero-payout cases” and appellate outcomes. The division maintains a high rate of Tort case appeal litigation success.

000024 PM0008/TORTS - The percentage of Torts lawsuits which, when closed in a fiscal year with a payout, were resolved using early or informal resolution processes.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	32%	25%
	A2	21%	25%
2009-11	A3	30%	27%
	A2	22%	27%

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Percent 000024 - Percentage of Tort Cases Resolved each Fiscal Year through Early and Informal Resolution**A009 Investigation and Prosecution of Medicaid Fraud and Resident Abuse**

The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) is a federally mandated and 75% federally funded investigative and prosecutorial unit staffed by attorneys, auditors, investigators, and support personnel. The MFCU's mission is to protect patients and taxpayers, through civil (including qui tam action) and criminal law enforcement. The MFCU investigates and prosecutes fraud by health care providers that illegally divert Medicaid funds. These enforcement efforts curtail and deter similar criminal activity and lead to recoveries for the state and federal government. The MFCU also prosecutes the abuse and neglect of residents in Medicaid-funded facilities. The MFCU provides valuable assistance to local law enforcement in investigating and prosecuting crimes committed against vulnerable adults. The unit also helps coordinate the efforts of local vulnerable adult task forces. The MFCU enforces the law, holds criminals accountable, increases public safety, protects vulnerable adults, deters fraud, and recovers money for the state.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	37.5	37.5	37.5
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$114,000
001-2 Federal	\$2,361,000	\$2,361,000	\$4,722,000
001-C Medicaid Federal	\$1,196,000	\$1,196,000	\$2,392,000
001 Account Total	\$3,614,000	\$3,614,000	\$7,228,000
19A Medicaid Fraud Penalty Account			
19A-1 State	\$1,136,000	\$1,143,000	\$2,279,000

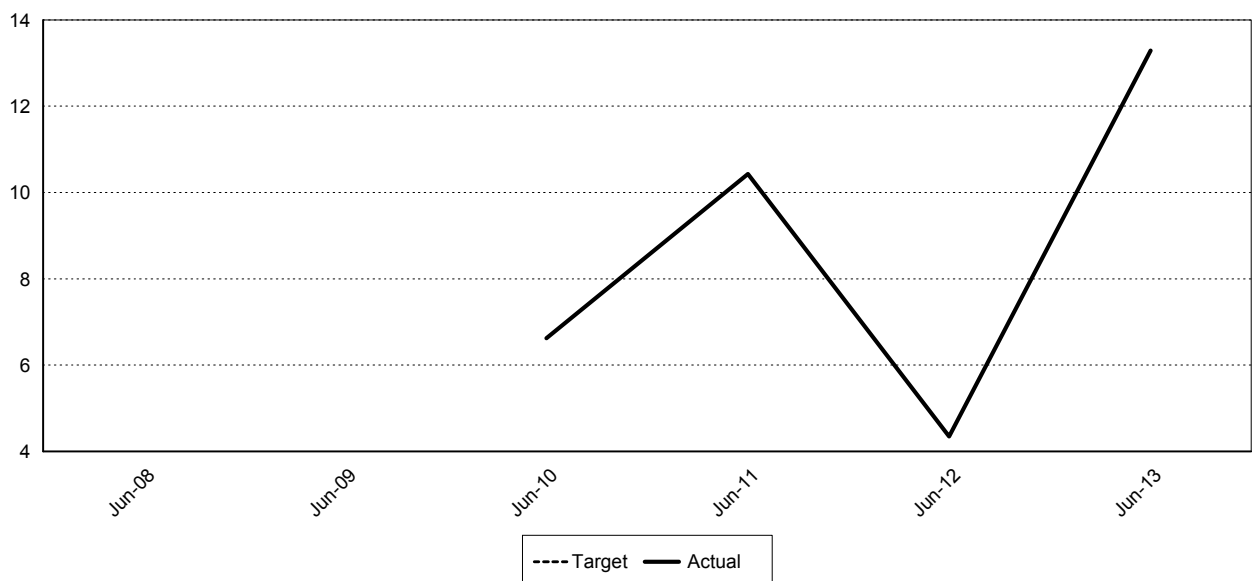
Statewide Result Area: Improve the safety of people and property**Statewide Strategy: Provide access to health care****Expected Results**

Through the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's (MFCU) efforts in investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud, money that is illegally taken or received is returned to the Medicaid system, and others are deterred from committing similar crimes. The MFCU assists local law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of crimes committed against the residents of Medicaid-funded facilities, holding offenders who abuse vulnerable adults accountable, and deterring others from committing similar crimes. Both functions of the MFCU help ensure the most vulnerable citizens of the state are protected.

000027 PM009/MFCU - Recoveries. The amount of money ordered recovered each fiscal year as a result of the work performed by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the AGO.

Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	\$13.29	
	A2	\$4.35	
2009-11	A3	\$10.43	
	A2	\$6.62	

Dollars 000027 - Amount of Dollars Recovered for Every Dollar Spent by the AGO on Medicaid Fraud Work

**A010 Legal Services to State Agencies**

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The Office of the Attorney General (AGO) provides legal advice and representation to all two hundred state agencies, boards, and commissions. As legal counsel for the state, the AGO represents the state in litigation, and provides legal advice on personnel, contracts, public records, specialized program advice, and risk management. Program responsibilities supported by the office include state and federal benefit programs administered by state agencies, state licensing and regulatory programs, state agency custodial programs, higher education institutions, natural resources programs, state agency capital construction and equipment acquisitions, state agency revenue and collection programs, and economic development and enterprise activities. The AGO protects taxpayer dollars by providing sound legal advice and risk management services to clients, thus avoiding costly lawsuits. The AGO also assists agencies with civil enforcement efforts – for example, working with the Department of Ecology to hold polluters accountable, the Department of Labor and Industries to promote fair labor practices, the Department of Social Health and Services to protect children and other vulnerable populations from abuse and neglect.

Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	848.4	835.9	842.2
001 General Fund			
001-1 State	\$205,000	\$574,000	\$779,000
405 Legal Services Revolving Account			
405-1 State	\$87,294,000	\$85,109,000	\$172,403,000
828 Tobacco Prevention and Control Account			
828-1 State	\$136,000	\$135,000	\$271,000

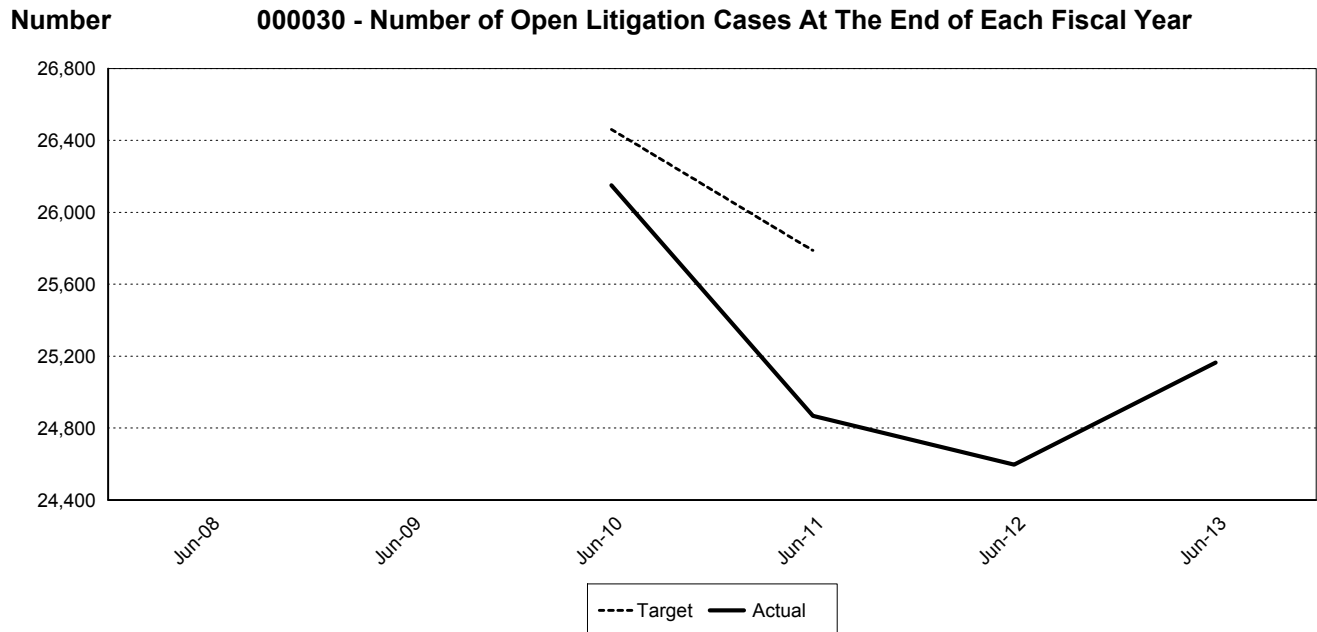
Statewide Result Area: Strengthen government's ability to achieve results efficiently and effectively

Statewide Strategy: Provide data, information, and analysis to support decision-making

Expected Results

By providing high quality legal assistance and representation to Washington's state agencies, boards, and commission, the Office of the Attorney General improves government services, increases government efficiency, and prevents costly lawsuits. The legal services provided by the Attorney General's Office save taxpayer dollars and promote the public interest, and ensure agencies are able to fulfill their essential missions. The Attorney General's Office offers excellent, option-based legal advice to help the state promote the public good. In the litigation context, the office initiates, defends, and resolves cases effectively and efficiently for the benefit of the state, its agencies, and its citizens.

000030 PM0010 - The number of litigation cases open at the end of each Fiscal Year.			
Biennium	Period	Actual	Target
2011-13	A3	25,164	
	A2	24,597	
2009-11	A3	24,868	25,786
	A2	26,151	26,460



A011 Representing Ratepayers

The Public Counsel Division represents residential and small business customers (ratepayers) of electric, natural gas, and telecommunications utilities regulated by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC). The Public Counsel advocates on behalf of customers in UTC cases involving utility rates, mergers, energy efficiency programs, service quality, and other policy matters. The Public Counsel investigates company requests and retains experts to analyze areas such as accounting, economics, finance, engineering, rate spread/rate design, and service quality. In a rate case or merger evidentiary hearing, the Public Counsel will cross-examine other parties' expert witnesses, present its own witnesses, and file legal briefs. In addition to participating as a statutory party in major rate and merger cases, the Public Counsel may also present policy recommendations in UTC rulemakings or at bi-weekly UTC business meetings. The Public Counsel participates in technical policy and advisory groups, and may provide information to the Legislature and other policymakers.

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Account	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE	6.5	6.5	6.5
111 Public Service Revolving Account			
111-1 State	\$1,046,000	\$1,047,000	\$2,093,000

Statewide Result Area: Improve the economic vitality of businesses and individuals

Statewide Strategy: Provide consumer protection

Expected Results

The Public Counsel protects consumers and businesses by advocating for fair, just, reasonable, and sufficient utility rates and by ensuring that customers pay only for reasonable and cost-effective programs. The Public Counsel's efforts have helped save consumers nearly \$100 million over the past four years and will continue to save Washingtonians money on utility rates.

Grand Total

	FY 2014	FY 2015	Biennial Total
FTE's	1,077.7	1,065.2	1,071.5
GFS	\$10,456,000	\$10,132,000	\$20,588,000
Other	\$104,182,000	\$103,481,000	\$207,663,000
Total	\$114,638,000	\$113,613,000	\$228,251,000

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